

Draft Minutes of Stoke Golding Parish Council

Minutes of the 368th meeting of Stoke Golding Parish Council held in the Methodist Church Hall on Wednesday 6th July 2016

Attendance: Cllr R Terheege (in the chair), R Fisher, R Mitchell, P Goodsell, Parish Clerk Theresa Case, County Councillor Ivan Ould, Borough Councillor Reg Ward. Resident – Graham Clark.

368/1 Apologies for Absence Cllrs S Beale, C Pegg, and Nicola Smith.

368/2 Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: There were none.

A report by County Councillor Ivan Ould was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. County Cllr Ould also reported on the following:

1. Highways Newsletter
2. LCC Parish/Community Liaison meeting
3. Problems with developments using coloured road surfaces
4. Ambulance delay/ apologies in Stoke Golding
5. Convent corner road safety issues still unresolved
6. Concerns regarding possible small school closures in the future

Cllr Goodsell asked for clarification regarding LCC Public Rights of Way Inspectors letter regarding the Parish Council's responsibility for the jitty. County Cllr Ould and Borough Cllr Ward will look into this further prior to any reply to LCC.

Borough Cllr Reg Ward reported on the following:

1. Planning consent has been given for 850 homes next to the Triumph factory. There will be a new roundabout, work units, school and possible community/religious centre. It will be a gradual programme of 80 homes per year with the school in 3 years.
2. A planning application for 350 homes has been agreed at Earl Shilton with little opposition and will help to regenerate the area.
3. The Chief Executive will be leaving shortly to be replaced by 3 directors of services.
4. A report is to come back from the meetings of developers and parishes held at Twycross Zoo to consider planning from 2026 onwards.
5. Morris Homes – reason for extra houses purely market conditions, planning officers happy with it.
6. Overgrown jitty V21.

368/3 Confirmation of 367th meeting minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st June 2016 were proposed by Cllr Mitchell and seconded by Cllr Goodsell and unanimously AGREED that the Chairman signed the minutes of the 367th meeting as a correct record of the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes.

368/4 Matters arising:

- Crime Report for April – 9 crimes reported: 3 criminal damage and arson near Crown Hill Close, near Greenwood Road and near Hall Drive, 3 burglary near Church Walk, near Pine Close and near Tithe Close, 2 violence/sexual offence near Greenwood Road and near Pine Close, and 1 other theft near Tithe Close. All under investigation or investigation complete.
- Wild Flower Meadow at Solar Panel Farm – the Clerk has now contacted the Enforcement Officer at HBBC for assistance and awaits a reply.
- Vehicle Activated Signs – have been repaired and re-installed, at no cost to the PC.
- Jitty from Hinckley Road to High Street – LCC Highways have been informed of overgrown weeds/flowers restricting access and has cleared the path.
- Village repairs – emergency repairs have been carried out to 2 street name signs and a dog waste bin.

368/5 Reports of elected officers of the council and the clerk:

a) Financial Progress Report

The Financial Report was proposed by Cllr Mitchell and seconded by Cllr Fisher and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to approve the report and it was signed by the Chairman.

b) Reports of Council representatives and Clerk:

The Clerk reported on the following ground maintenance issues:

- It was agreed that Jason should rake and seed the area where soil was removed at the recreation field. Cost to PC hourly rate and cost of seed.
- The Cemetery Administrator has contacted the ICCM, who confirm Jason can weed kill graves. Trees that were not authorised can also be removed. ACTION: Ray to meet with Chris Pegg to look at trees growing in graves to determine what action is required.
- Jason has reported an incident of fly tipping at the recreation field.
- Jason is investigating a tier 1 waste license.

- Mike reports the matting under the pod swing is a work in progress due to the weather.
- The Cemetery Administrator reports the fir tree by the tap at HR cemetery needs crowning and cutting back. ACTION: Clerk to contact Harbours to assess.
- The rose bed at HR Cemetery needs sympathetic weeding. ACTION: Clerk to inform CTB – Mick Cooper.

Cllr Goodsell reported that there were moles at WL Cemetery. ACTION: Clerk to contact the mole contractor. Also the wildflower meadows look super and the PC wishes to thank Dave Marriott and his team.

Cllr Mitchell asked if any money was allocated for the wildflower meadow for blue bells. The Clerk confirmed no money was allocated in the budget. Cllr Mitchell offered to look into grants and ask The Charity of Thomas Barton.

c) Playground inspection:

Weeds in swing area.

368/6 Planning Application Matters:

Planning application procedures were discussed and reviewed as follows:

a) New Applications:

Land off Hinckley Road, SG – variation of condition 1 of planning

permission 15/00073/REM to amend plots 42-44 from 3 dwellings to 5 dwellings – ACTION: Clerk to submit comments/objection.

47 Wykin Lane, SG – two storey rear extension and porch – no concerns.

b) Permissions granted:

None

c) Refusals:

48 Roseway, SG – proposed dwelling and associated access.

d) Appeal dismissed:

36 Station Rd, SG – erection of single dwelling.

368/7 Neighbourhood Plan

There was no public meeting in June and there will be no public meeting in July, as there is no progress to report. It was agreed that the Terms of Reference allowed for meetings to be arranged as required.

Cllr Mitchell reported that the next stage was to engage the community and the NPAC would meet in July to discuss the methods that would be used to achieve this. A project plan and timetable can then be brought to the Parish Council for approval. The role of the consultant was discussed. A more precise contract and breakdown of costs will be drawn up when the government grant has been agreed.

368/8 Sport in Stoke Golding

To claim funding and apply for professional advice a sports group must be set up which is independent of the Parish Council. This has now been done. The committee is as follows:

Chair – Chris Pegg, Vice Chair – Iain Kinnis (Provisional in his absence), Treasurer – Rachel Terhegge.

Secretary – Sarah Beale, committee members – Ruth Fisher, Gus Wheatley, Ben Wormleighton and Mike Warren (provisional in his absence). The next step will be to ask Pro-help for an architect's advice. As the Parish Council owns the land and buildings, final recommendations and decisions will need to be approved by the Parish Council.

Graham Clark attended the meeting, as coach of the junior cricket team. He raised concerns about the current state of the pavilion facilities. Cllr Terhegge confirmed that this had been discussed at the SIG meeting and improvements were currently being carried out to repair the ceiling and improve the shower area and drainage.

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368/9 Play equipment

Cllr Fisher reported that the company had carried out a survey to ensure installation is possible. The Clerk confirmed that a claim for additional 106 money had been submitted. Cllr Fisher asked if the dog waste bin could be moved to the corner away from the area where the table tennis table will be situated.

ACTION: Clerk to ask Mike to attend.

368/10 Environmental Improvement Programme – gravestone repairs

The Cemetery Administrator has confirmed those graves which have no living family recorded. Cllr Pegg has suggested that the graves next to the pathway should be the first to be re-instated. A list of ten graves was agreed at a cost of £2200. These should be re-instated this year, as part of a rolling programme over three years. Funding was discussed. ACTION: Clerk to make enquires about a faculty and ask The Charity of Thomas Barton to fund.

368/11 Convent site community Land

Cllr Goodsell stated that David Goodsell still had the apple trees that need planting in the autumn.

368/12 leaflet distribution

The Clerk reported back on other parish council's distribution arrangements and services available from local magazines. It was agreed that a decision be made at a future date due to the additional distribution for the Neighbourhood Plan which will also require volunteers.

368/13 Recreation ground car park

A secondary car park will be considered as part of the SISG project.

368/14 Review risk assessment, publication scheme guidance and tender conditions

Decision carried forward to next month's agenda.

368/15 To appoint one trustee of the Charity of Thomas Barton with effect from 2nd August 2016

Bernard Arnold has been thanked for his service and has agreed to be reappointed for a further term of four years.

368/16 Overgrown bushes on Church Walk

It was agreed that Jason should cut down to three to four foot and clear from the pathway. Cost will be at day rate, with £40 per van load for disposal. PROPOSED: Cllr Fisher. SECONDED: Cllr Goodsell.

368/17 Bus shelter

Parish Councillors had a site meeting with LCC who agreed permission for a bus shelter outside the St Martin's Catholic Academy; now awaiting written confirmation. Following discussions with Lindsey Lester at the school, the Clerk has written to the Dominican Order, who own the land where the bus shelter will be sited, to seek their permission. Prices have been sought from Littlethorpe and they have assessed the site. ACTION: Clerk to update The Charity of Thomas Barton on progress.

368/18 CAF bank account telephone password form

A mandatory telephone password form was agreed and will be signed by signatories of the CAF bank account.

368/19 To resolve upon the monthly schedule of payments

The schedule of payments was proposed by Cllr Fisher and seconded by Cllr Mitchell and unanimously agreed. The Chairman signed the schedule. The cheques were signed by two signatories. Payments were made as follows: June 2016 – dog waste collection £33.25 and July 2016 – electricity to pavilion £29.00, admin £472.50, dog waste/litter bin/trade waste collections £461.76, £92.35 and £53.30, 3 x ground maintenance £1,217.67, £650.00 and £242.00.

368/20 To receive and consider such communications as received by the Chairman of the council **Written**

Email from the Cemetery Administrator regarding cemetery section markers – quotation discussed.

ACTION: Clerk to ask The Charity of Thomas Barton to fund.

Stoke Golding Garden Show request for donation – A donation of £60 was agreed.

LCC Public Right of Way Inspector's reply regarding gateway on jitty – discussed, but no reply to be sent.

ACTION: Clerk to ask Ironstyles for a price for additional metal panel and to renovate gate.

Letter regarding trees at St Margaret's Churchyard – ACTION: As trees are touching the telephone/power line and are overhanging the roof of the school house the Clerk will ask Harbours to assess.

Clerks and Council Direct magazine – info only.

Letters from residents:

Ownership of land/oak tree – clerk to reply.

Church walk vegetation – clerk to reply.

Convent corner road safety – clerk to reply

Verbal

Stoke Fest will take place on Sunday 28th August 2016, 1pm until 11pm.

368/21 To consider items needed to be brought to public's attention

None

368/22 Any Other Business

Parish Council procedure for incoming planning applications was discussed and it was agreed that in future the Clerk will seek an extension for all applications which have a closing date prior to the next PC meeting, so they can be discussed at the next meeting before a comment is made. PROPOSED: Cllr Mitchell. SECONDED: Cllr Goodsell.

Cllr Fisher asked if further funding would be available to extend the wildflower area at Bennett Close. Cllr Terheege asked Cllr Fisher to come back with some prices.

MATTERS FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED - There were none.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Next meeting:- Methodist Hall, Wednesday 3rd August 2016 at 7pm

